(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The project was closed on 31st December, 2006, However, to sustain the malaria control activities in the State, World Bank has agreed to provide retroactive financing for carrying out the following activities till the new project on vector borne diseases is approved by World Bank:

(i) compensation for existing consultants and project staff at national and State levels;

(ii) travel cost for monitoring and review of programme; and

(iii) support for ongoing capacity building activities, behaviour change communication and management information system:

(c) and (d) The number of malaria cases in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh is showing declining trend,

Year	State	Malaria	
		Cases	Tribal
2004	132094	69523	
2005	104317	35478	
2006	81113	22241	

The State has been included in the proposed second phase of the Vector Borne Disease Control programme with support from World Bank.

Campaigning for polio eradication

4070. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the onset of summer season, his Ministry is planning a series of campaigns to combat the polio virus, which, becomes most dominant In the summer season;

(b) if so, what are the main programmes of action plan in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to launch nation-wise drives focusing especially on high-risk areas in the month of March, 2007; and

(d) if so, to what extent this action plan has helped in checking the polio in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, in order to build up immunity before the onset of the transmission season the extent of coverage of supplementary Immunization Activity of May, 2007 has been widened to cover about 72% of the target population in non-endemic vulnerable States which would help further to boost to immunity by providing an additional dose of OPV to children

(c) and (d) As per the recommendations of India Expert Advisory Group on Polio (IEAG) held in December, 2006 includes two National Immunization drives were held this year, January and February, 2007. The action plan implemented so far includes a series of immunization activities (upto 5 in the high risk areas of U.P. and Bihar) in the five months period from January through May-have led to a substantial decrease in cases compared to the following year (2003) of last outbreak in 2002 and very few cases in the core area of Western U.P. No fresh case of Type 1 polio virus has been reported from October, 2006 in Western U.P. districts which were epicentre of 2006 outbreaks.

Strengthening of PNDT Act

4071. PROF P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act, 1994, female foeticide is continuing in the country;

(b) the number of such cases reported and the details of action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government are considering any action for plugging the loopholes in the Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and